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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1658

DATE PREPARED: Dec 31, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Commission for Higher Education.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill abolishes the Commission for Higher Education. It transfers certain duties of the Commission to other state agencies. It makes corresponding changes to related statutes.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Passage of this bill would eliminate the existence of the Commission for Higher Education. The Commission currently employs 13 staff members and had an annual appropriation of \$1.46 million in FY 1998 and \$1.52 million in FY 1999. For the next biennium, the Commission's request for funding is \$1.58 million in FY 2000 and \$1.64 million in FY 2001.

The State General Fund would not realize the entire savings associated with this bill because several responsibilities would be transferred to other state agencies. The Department of Workforce Development would be required to allocate monies to the state universities for research for the purpose of developing business and industry in Indiana. The Professional Standards Board would be required to approve the curriculum for drivers education. The State Human Resource Investment Council will be assigned the responsibility of preparing workforce partnership plans. The State Budget Agency will be responsible for providing staff for the Indiana Excellence in Teaching Council.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) transfer of the current appropriations to the other agencies. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Commission on Higher Education, State Budget Agency, Department of Workforce Development, State Human Resource Investment Council

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State of Indiana List of Appropriations, State Budget Agency.